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ARRIVALS.

April 6. FORTUNE, British steamer, 509 G. Westby, Foochow, 2nd April. Amy, 3rd, and Swatow 5th. General—D. L. PRAKE & Co.

April 6. JAPAN, British steamer, 1865, T. S. Gardner, Calcutta, 19th March. Said Heads 20th. Penang 27th, and Singapore 30th. Opium and General—David SASOON, Sons & Co.

April 6. VICTORIA, British steamer, 876 J. Brown, Saigon 1st April. General—A. H. HOLD, KARIBBE & Co.

April 6. GREYHOUND, British steamer, 227 D. Scott, Hoochow 5th April. General—ADAMSON, Bell & Co.

April 6. NAM-VIEN, British steamer, 472, Gasean, Haiphong 3rd April. General—A. R. MARTY.

April 6. CHAMPION, British corvette, Capt. A. Powlett, Nagasaki 30th March.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTERS' OFFICE.

6TH APRIL.

NONE.

DEPARTURES.

April 6. SAUER, British str., for Haiphong. April 6. REMUS, Spanish str., for Cobra. April 6. SPARTAN, Amer. bark, for Victoria. April 6. EMU, Spanish str., for Amy. April 6. BEAK, British str., for Shanghai. April 6. LUTHER, French g.b.t., for Keelung.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Fukien, str., from East Coast.—Mr. Thompson, and 75 Chinese servants. —Mr. T. E. Miller, Dr. J. Fleming, and Mr. J. E. Gray, and 450 Chinese deckhands. —Per Greyhound, str., from Haishow.—43 Chinese.

Per Greyhound, str., from Haishow.—7 Europeans and 12 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamer Greyhound reports left Haishow on the 5th April, and had light S.E. wind with fine weather until this morning, when she had dense fog for 4 hours.

The British steamer Vixen reports left Saigon on the 1st April, and had fine, clear weather and light Easterly winds from port to 8 p.m. on the 5th, when weaker became very thick and continued so during the night.

The British steamer Fisher reports left Foochow on the 2nd April. Amy to the 3rd, and Swatow on the 5th. From Foochow to Amy had moderate N.E. wind and fine weather; from Amy to Swatow had light variable wind with dull and hazy weather; from Swatow to Foochow had light winds and thick foggy weather. In Foochow str. Paused. In Amy str. Cheung, H. K. American corr. Enterprise and German corr. Elizabeth.

VESSELS ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS IN CHINA, HONG KONG, AND MANILA.

(For last Mail's Advice.)

Charlotte ... Hongkong ... Feb. 12 Caspacia (s.) ... Yokohama ... Feb. 13 Menelaus (s.) ... Shanghai ... Feb. 14 Marie Louise ... Hongkong ... Feb. 15 Belied (s.) ... Shanghai ... Feb. 16 Oberon ... Manila ... Feb. 17 Electra (s.) ... Shanghai ... Feb. 18

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.

(Corrected to Date.)

Birman Wood ... Penang ... Nov. 1 Hindostan ... Cutchaven ... Nov. 13 J. V. Troop ... New York ... Nov. 25 Wilns ... Cardiff ... Dec. 8 Rufus E. Wood ... Cardiff ... Dec. 16 Bantam (s.) ... Glasgow ... Dec. 23 Highland Chief ... Cardiff ... Dec. 24 Highlander ... San Francisco ... Jan. 10 East Siberia ... New York ... Jan. 27 County of York (s.) ... Liverpool via Swansea ... Feb. 6 Columbus ... London via Cardiff ... Feb. 12 Afghanistan (s.) ... Glasgow ... Feb. 13 Sooz (s.) ... London via Cardiff ... Feb. 14 Antoinette ... Penang ... Feb. 14 Metapoda (s.) ... Hamburg ... Feb. 15 Star of China ... London ... Feb. 17 Reporter ... Penang ... Feb. 18

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

\$22 Per dozen Quarts.
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Saint CLARET, French RED & WHITE VINTAGES, 1868 to 1878, from \$10 to \$24 per dozen Quarts.

POUILLAGNE MONDON, \$6 per dozen Quarts.

E. W. RANDON & Co.'s BRANDY.

\$5 per dozen Quarts.

VIENNA EXPORT-BEER, from ANTON DERFLER.

\$32 Per dozen Quarts.
\$32 Per dozen Pints.

MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, 22nd April 1884.

FOR SALE.

C. H. A. M. A. G. N. E. "MONOPOLE".

"MONOPOLE SEC" (DRY).
CARL O. W. O. T. Z. & Co., Sole Agents, HEINECK & Co., REIMS.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1884.

FOR SALE.

AT WHOLESALE PRICES.

SACCOONE'S SHERRY—Bottled by Sir FREDERICK PERKINS, LONDON. ISLAY BLEND WHISKY.

In 1 dozen cases.

MANZANILLA.

In 1 dozen quarts.

LIGHT DRY.

In case of 1 dozen quarts.

LAGER BIER—Pils & Qts.

ALE, BAAK & Co., PILS & Qts.

GUINNESS'S EXTRA-Qts. and Pts.

Apply to W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co., Bank Buildings, Sole Agents for China.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1885.

FOR SALE.

C. H. A. M. A. G. N. E. S. H. D. S. L. E. C. K. S. CHAMPAGNE, 1850, WHITE SEAL.

\$12 per case of 1 dozen quarts.

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GRANDE VIN CHATEAU LEVOLLE.

\$24 per case of 1 dozen quarts.

CHATEAU LAROSE.

\$12 per case of 1 dozen quarts.

PONTIAC CANET.

\$9.50 per case of 1 dozen quarts.

PALMER'S M. GAUX.

\$7.50 per case of 1 dozen quarts.

LOMBERT.

\$5 per case of 1 dozen quarts.

CGUYLER PALMER & Co.'s WINES AND SPIRITS.

STEIMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1885.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day admitted Mr. JOHN WILLIAM GRAHAM & Co., Proprietors of my Business which will be carried on in future under the name of FORTUNE GRAHAM & Co.

WILLIAM FORBES.

Tianjin, 1st March, 1885.

NOTICE.

WE HAVE This Day OPENED A BRANCH OF our Firm at this Port and have authorized Mr. G. MACKRILL SMITH to Sign our name.

MARGESSON & Co.

Canton, 1st April, 1885.

NOTICE.

M. E. A. RAVEN having retired to

M. Europe, the BUSINESS hitherto existing

under his name will henceforth be carried on by the Undersigned for his own account under the Style and Firm of H. E. RAVEN.

Also,

CUTLER PALMER & Co.'s WINES AND SPIRITS.

STEIMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1885.

Caston, 1st March, 1885.

H. E. RAVEN.

NOTICE.

The UNDERSIGNED having been appointed

Agents for the above Company are pre-

pared to take applications for LIFE INSUR-

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PUSTAU & Co.

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A. S. WATSON AND CO.
FAMILY AND DISPENSING
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By Appointment to His Excellency the
GOVERNOR and His Royal Highness the
DUKE OF EDINBURGH,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS
PERFUMERS,
PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,
DRUGGISTS SURDYNMEN,
And
GENERATED WATER MAKERS.
SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REPUTED
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. Watson and Co., or HONGKONG DISPENSARY. [21]

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed "The Editor," and those business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name. Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be retained until demanded.

Orders for extra copies of the *Daily Press* should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

DEATH.
On the 2nd April, at Pudding's Hill, Hongkong, WILSON MORTON MORGAN.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 7TH, 1885.

The Lyndhurst Terrace Murder case is now, we presume, finally disposed of, and in a manner far from creditable to the machinery provided for the detection and punishment of crime. It would almost seem as though the crime of murder were to enjoy an absolute immunity from punishment in Hongkong. At an early hour in the evening, in a frequented thoroughfare, a tradesman is murdered in his own shop by persons who must have entered for the purpose of committing a robbery. Whether they intended to take their victim's life or not may perhaps be open to doubt, but as a matter of fact they did actually cause his death. The inquiries instituted by the police resulted in the arrest of two men, both of them notoriously bad characters, who were duly tried at the Supreme Court and acquitted. The evidence against them was certainly not very strong. One of them had made a confession implicating the other, but the men were tried separately and the confession of the second man could not be used against the first. The evidence against the latter was therefore practically reduced to the somewhat doubtful testimony of a witness who came forward, after a reward had been offered, to say that he saw three men, of whom the prisoner was one, go into the shop of the deceased and seize him, but that the door was then shut and he saw nothing more. The circumstances of the case were such that no reasonable doubt could be entertained that the three men seen by this witness, supposing his testimony to be true, must have been the murderers. The value of the evidence was, however, greatly reduced by the fact that the witness was interested in securing a conviction through the hope of gaining the Government's reward. The prisoner set up an alibi, to prove which he called several witnesses, most apparently belonging to a class whose evidence ought invariably to be received with extreme caution. These witnesses said the prisoner had been sick and confined to the house for some days at the time of the murder, but it was conclusively proved by the independent testimony of gao guards who knew the prisoner well that at the time he was said to have been confined to the house by sickness he was seen prowling about near the deceased's shop; and when he was arrested he did not present the appearance of a man recovering from a severe illness, although it was the first day, according to his own account, on which he had been out. It is a well-recognised principle of law that when a prisoner, set up an alibi which on investigation breaks down it raises a strong presumption against him. It is somewhat remarkable that the usually clear headed Chief Justice omitted to point this out to the jury; in fact, all through his summing up his Lordship seemed to dwell only on the weak points of the prosecution and to ignore those which told against the prisoner. The result of the trial was a verdict of not guilty.

The first prisoner's case having been disposed of, there remained that against the second prisoner. The strongest evidence against this man was his own confession that he had been implicated in the affair so far as the intended robbery was concerned, though he asserted he was not concerned in the actual murder. There was also the evidence of the witness who appeared in the previous case, a hawker, who said he saw the murderer go into the deceased's shop. The prisoner, however, while the case was in progress, withdrew his confession and said he had made it only in the hope of securing a conviction against the other man and so sharing in the reward offered by the Government. The Judge and jury took both the view that the prisoner's last statement was the correct one, and he also was acquitted, but the Judge directed a prosecution for conspiracy against him and the witness who had given evidence of having seen the murderer go into the deceased's shop. So far there was not very much room for complaint as to the proceedings, for although there was a very strong case of suspicion against both men, arraigned on the charge of murder, yet there was also a sufficient element of doubt to justify the verdict of the jury. That murder should go unpunished, as it almost invariably has done, hardly in Hongkong, was of course matter for real regret, but no man ought to be hanged unless there is a conclusive case made out against him. The Chief Justice's summing up in both cases was entirely in favour of the prisoners, and hardly seemed to hold the

scales with the evenness which is so well known a characteristic of Sir George Phillips' judicial utterances; but it must be taken for granted that the jury used their own judgment and were not entirely governed by the opinion of the Judge.

The remarkable part of the case is to be found in the sequel. One of the prisoners and one of the witnesses having been charged with conspiring together to bring a charge of murder against Mr. Arkin, the other prisoner, they were both discharged by Mr. Wodehouse, the magistrate before whom the case was heard, on the ground that there was no *prima facie* case to go to a jury. Both men acknowledged the conspiracy, and there is no loophole of escape from the logical position that either the two men charged with murder were guilty or that the two men charged with conspiracy were guilty.

The men charged with murder were both acquitted, and therefore either their acquittal was wrong or the charge of conspiracy must have been well founded. By discharging the men charged with conspiracy in the summary manner adopted, Mr. Wodehouse practically decided that the case of murder was made out, and that the verdict of not guilty was wrong. We cannot agree with Mr. Wodehouse that there was no *prima facie* case made out. The confessions were sufficient to establish that, and it would have been well to have let the matter go before a jury. The case might have broken down, but what the magistrate had to decide was simply whether there was a *prima facie* case made out. The confessions were sufficient to establish that, and it would have been well to have let the matter go before a jury. The case might have broken down, but what the magistrate had to decide was simply whether there was a *prima facie* case made out. 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China Sugar Refining Company—\$100 per share, Buyers.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—nominal \$100.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$66 per share.
Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$1424 per share.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$118 per share.
Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$50 per share.
Selangor Tin Mining Company—\$13 per share.
Perak Silver Refining Company—The \$36 per share.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$85 per share.
Chinese Imperial Loan of \$151—per cent. due.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Mineral Painters & Co.'s Register.)
April 12.

	Hongkong	Tide	Low Water
Thermometer—4 A.M.	78		
Thermometer—1 P.M.	78		
Thermometer—4 P.M.	78		
Thermometer—7 P.M.	78		
Thermometer—9 A.M. (Wet Bulb)	78		
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Thermometer—4 P.M. (Wet Bulb)	78		
Thermometer—7 P.M. (Wet Bulb)	78		
Thermometer—Midnight (wet bulb)	78		

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.

4th to 10th April, 1888.

STATION	Hongkong Mean Tide	Hongkong High Water	Hongkong Low Water	Height
Th.	8.5	9.1	8.5	.6
W.	7.5	8.1	7.5	.6
F.	6.5	7.1	6.5	.6
Sat.	5.5	6.1	5.5	.6
Mon.	4.5	5.1	4.5	.6
Tue.	3.5	4.1	3.5	.6
Wed.	2.5	3.1	2.5	.6
Thu.	1.5	2.1	1.5	.6
Fri.	0.5	1.1	0.5	.6
Sat.	-	0.7	-	.6
Mon.	-	0.3	-	.6
Tue.	-	0.1	-	.6
Wed.	-	-	-	.6

The height of mean sea-level has been determined at 7.495 feet above zero of the tide-gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard, and the heights of the tides are given in feet above zero. The figures in these tables must be multiplied by 1.25 to give the height of mean sea-level in feet above zero. The figures given in the ordinary Spirit-tides, and should be submitted from the constants given above.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

2d April, 1888, at 4 P.M.

STATION	Temperature	Wind	Westerly	Sea	Land
Macau	79.02	77.0	42	s	b
Hainan	79.02	77.0	42	s	b
Hongkong	79.02	77.0	42	s	b
Amoy	79.02	77.0	42	s	b
Macao	79.02	77.0	42	s	b
Shanghai	79.02	77.0	42	s	b
Widjet	79.02	77.0	42	s	b
Woktuk	79.02	77.0	42	s	b

4th April, 1888, at 10 A.M.

STATION	Temperature	Wind	Westerly	Sea	Land
Macau	80.00	81.5	48	s	b
Hainan	80.00	81.5	48	s	b
Hongkong	80.00	81.5	48	s	b
Amoy	80.00	81.5	48	s	b
Macao	80.00	81.5	48	s	b
Shanghai	80.00	81.5	48	s	b
Widjet	80.00	81.5	48	s	b
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Atmospheric circumstances have not changed much. Gradually appear to be moderate or slight.

W. DOBERCK.
Hongkong Observatory, 8th April, 1888.

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NEWS FOR THE FRENCH MAIL.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

London, 30th March.

The Victorian Government has issued a proclamation prohibiting foreign vessels from entering Port Phillip during the night.

The French Ministry have received in consequence of having been defeated in the Chamber of Deputies.

LONDON, 20th March.

It is announced that the French Government will not for an extraordinary credit of two hundred million francs for carrying on the war in Tonquin.

LONDON, 1st April.

Monsieur de Freycinet has been requested to form a new Cabinet.

French troops are under orders to embark for Tonquin.

In the French Chamber of Deputies a first reading of fifty million francs was voted, and a resolution passed in favour of a vigorous prosecution of the war.

LONDON, 3rd April.

Parliament has adjourned for the Easter recess.

SUPREME COURT.

April 2d.

IN PROBATE.

BETWEEN THE HON. SIR GEORGE PHILIPPO, CHIEF JUDGE,

MAHOMED AND W. EBAB AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Francis, instructed by Messrs. Sharp, Johnson, and Stokes, appeared for the plaintiff, and the Attorney-General (Hon. E. L. O'Malley), instructed by Messrs. Wootton and Deacon, for the defendants.

The defendants are the executors and managers of the estate of the late Mahomed Arap, who died in 1878, leaving considerable property in the colony. The plaintiff is the son and one of the beneficiaries under the will. The defendants have lately passed their accounts, and the question of probate was now decided.

The defendants claimed that the estate of the late Arap, and the funds arising therefrom, less \$65,333 due from them, so that they have to pay into court \$185,015. The court went into the question of partition, and decided that it could be settled hereafter the management of the estate to be left in the meantime in the hands of the present trustees, if not being considered necessary, to appoint a receiver.

The trustees were ordered to make proper books, paying ready account to the court giving notice to creditors, keeping countersafes, and the amounts to be kept under the supervision of the Court and to be passed every six months.

Hongkong the Chinese profess to have made a demonstration, they actually bringing into the port the public prints of Mr. W. G. Armstrong, and the Royal Engineers, which, though dazed, they appear to be unwilling to come within range of the Krupp and Armstrongs on shore as the old wooden craft. The enemy might as well take his departure for all the injury he has inflicted so far; and it will require the display of considerate

FIRE IN JERVOIS STREET, HONGKONG.

Shortly after four o'clock on Friday morning a fire broke out in a place goods store at No. 13, Jervois-street. As soon as the alarm sounded a gong was given at the Central Fire Brigade Station, and a crew of men and the man in command with the engine with very commendable promptitude. Being near the Tsim-a-yea a very large supply of water was at once available to pour upon the burning house, but the flames had gained too great a hold upon it before they were discovered for there to be any hope of saving that building. The place burnt down entirely, and the roof, on the windward side, fell in, leaving a large portion of the interior standing.

Tuyen-quan, the chief town of the province of the same name, is situated on the River Claire, an affluent of the Red River, about 80 kilometres from Tonquin as the crow flies, and four days' march from the coast. It is the capital of the Tuyen-quan and the northern districts of the Yellow River, and is the chief town of the Black Flags. The citadel, erected on the left bank of the river is in the form of a perfect square, each side measuring 300 metres. Each side has a double line exactly in the middle, and in the direction of the north-west angle rises a hill 40 feet high. The fortifications are built of stone, and the ramparts are 10 feet thick, and the height of the towers 15 feet. The town is surrounded by a moat, and the houses are built of wood.

General Bréde de l'Isle, the French commander-in-chief, arrived at Langson on the 29th ultimo, and his force of 1,000 men, with 120 guns, marched to Tuyen-quan, where he was joined by General Négrier, who had been sent to him from Langson. On the 30th the French advanced to Tuyen-quan, and took the fortifications without difficulty, and the Chinese fled.

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH, 1885.

THE DEFENCES OF HONGKONG.

The resolution with regard to the supplementation of the defences of the Colony and the provision of direct telegraphic communication between Hongkong and Singapore, passed with so much unanimity at Wednesday's meeting of the Legislative Council, is well calculated to strengthen the hands of the Governor and impress the Imperial Government with a conviction of the gravity of the question at issue. As the Hon. T. Jackson very happily put it, "an emergency has arisen, and it is in times of emergency that we should all act together and rally round the Governor for the common good." His Excellency Sir George Bowen was very satisfactorily disposed of all possible doubt as to the energy and promptitude of his action in relation to the defences of the Colony, showing that he had, ever since his assumption of the reins of Government, striven to impress upon the Home Authorities the necessity for coming to some full and final place of fortifying the island and carrying out the work with all possible speed. The Governor has also informed the Council, asked the Imperial Government to send out four more torpedo boats, and he has likewise communicated with Downing Street, by telegram and by despatch, on the subject of a direct cable between Hongkong and Singapore. We are glad to note that His Excellency has insisted upon the Imperial character of the interests at stake in Hongkong, and the fidelity and earnestness of seeking to make the colonists pay for the defences of a great naval and strategic station, the maintenance of which is essential to the preservation of British trade with the Far East. It cannot be too strongly impressed upon the British public that this small colony is not, and can never become, a self-supporting naval or military station, and if its revenues permit of the continuance of the military contribution that is a fortunate circumstance that ought not to be counted upon. The fact of the payment of this contribution, as the Governor has pointed out, gives the colony an additional claim to be treated liberally and fairly in the construction of the fortifications, and we trust that these will now be pushed on with vigour, and the projected fort at the entrance of the Tyee-sun-Pan Pass commenced without any unnecessary delay. All authorities are agreed upon its desirability, and any further delay in the work will be most unjustifyable. The Government can scarcely refuse the reasonable request of Sir George Bowen for four more torpedo boats, but we fear there will be some delay in sending them out. This fear is based upon the procrastination which has characterised the policy of the Government with regard to the Navy. None of the new ships recommended to be built have yet, it is said, been commenced. If carried on this neglect is simply disgraceful. Had the late Lord Beaconsfield been at the head of affairs in this emergency, instructions would have been given to all the shipbuilding yards in the United Kingdom to stop all contracts and hold themselves in readiness to undertake Government orders for men-of-war and torpedo boats. All vessels of the kind on the stocks would also have been taken over. This is the course Mr. Gladstone should adopt. Were he to do this, and ask Parliament to grant a vote of twenty or thirty millions sterling to spend immediately on the navy and army, we believe the moral effect upon Russia would be most potential and, above all, to preserve the peace than any threat or even a concentration of troops. Concurrently with such a bold and decided course, the fortification of the colony, it has been decided, to put into a proper state of defence should be pushed forward with all the alacrity that the possession of ample power and ready funds render possible. Among these colonies, by reason of their remoteness from Great Britain and the importance of their positions strategically, Hongkong and Singapore claim priority of attention. The gravity of the interests at stake are indeed so obvious that no Government not absolutely imbecile could fail to recognise the necessity that they require immediate action. None are less, seeing how blind, how apathetic, and how criminally negligent the Imperial Government have been in the past, it is the duty and the interest of the representatives of the Hongkong community to give the strongest support to the Governor in setting forth the needs of the Colony, and securing its effective defence.

THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT AND THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL.

The anomalous position occupied by the Tung Wah Hospital Committee was again brought to public notice by Mr. MacEwan at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Friday last. The object and purpose of the Hospital as defined by the Ordinance is as follows:—"The Corporation is erected for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Public Free Hospital for the treatment of the indigent sick among the Chinese population, and the preservation of her trade, commerce, and communications—providing for the safety of Chinese shipping, and for the protection of the colony, and for the promotion of the welfare of the Chinese population, to be supported by voluntary contributions and governed by a Board of Directors." No more laudable object than this could be imagined. The Committee, however, who form the Board of Directors, instead of confining themselves to the maintenance of a free public hospital for the treatment of the indigent sick, have, ever since the establishment of the institution, endeavoured to arrogate to themselves political functions, to set up an imperium in imperio, and to interfere between the established Government and the native population. Their endeavours in this direction have unfortunately been only too successful, and Mr. MacEwan only expressed the prevalent opinion amongst Europeans when he said that the position of the local Government in this colony is, as regards purely Chinese interests, a very troubled one, of a purely secondary character. It was with reference to the riots of October last that Mr. MacEwan brought the subject under discussion, and in his remarks he did not fail to blame the Government for its inaction on that occasion. The state of things being what it was, we fail to see what more prudent course the Government could have taken than was then adopted. As the Hon. W. Keswick remarked, the quiet strength exhibited at that time had a better moral effect than would have been caused by the destruction of the lives of the Chinese who were engaged in the riot. All the same it is much to be regretted that the conditions are such that in case of any disturbance the Government should ever be compelled to give the assistance of the "leading Chinese," otherwise the Committee of the Tung Wah Hospital. On the occasion questioned an attempt was made to impose terms on the Government. This of course could not be tolerated, and the Committee had to give way, as must inevitably be the case when the Government choose in any particular matter to exercise their strength. The Committee is

ECCLESIASTICAL TITLES IN HONGKONG.

Whether Bishop RAIMONDI calls himself Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong or by any other title is a matter that will probably interest the general public very little. He is at liberty to call himself what he likes, and no objection can be taken to his own flock or to other persons who so choose addressing him by the title he thinks proper to assume. When, however, the legislature is asked to confer upon him a title implying spiritual jurisdiction over the colony the subject presents itself in a somewhat different light. We are sure there is no wish in any quarter in the present day to raise an agitation similar to that which attended the introduction of the Ecclesiastical Titles Bill in England thirty years ago. That Act, the fruits of wisdom, was never given practical effect to for the spirit of persecution was dead, although the nation was quick to resent what it regarded as an arrogant assumption of authority on the part of the Pope. Two Acts, afterwards, in 1871, repealed all opposition; it had served its purpose as a protest, and none but a very insignificant section of the British public would ever have liked to have seen its penal provisions enforced. Anywhere in the British dominions Roman Catholic ecclesiastics may assume such titles as they please without fear of objection. But to confer on them titles by law raises a grave question of principle. The only legal validity in that of the Colonial Chairman, and when the present incumbent comes to hold the appointment even that is to be abolished. Bishop BURTON, of the Church of England, possesses territorial rights which he is entitled to the diocese. Yet while the Church of England is thus being gradually disestablished and the title of its ecclesiastics wiped from our local statute book, the Chamber of Commerce would have done more to say about the loss foreign interests in China had sustained by the sudden demise of the British Minister at Peking, but it seemed that the meeting had not spirit enough to mere briefly record their proposal and adopted in solemn silence, the Committee for the ensuing year were elected without opposition, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman and retiring Committee for their labours during the past year was carried. This completed the business, which could hardly have spread over ten minutes. 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(Signed) G. F. BOWEN,
The Right Honourable the Earl of Derby,
K.G., &c., &c.,
(Telegram).

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO GOVERNOR SID. E. BOWEN, G.C.M.G.
14th February, 1885.

Re: Referring to your telegram of 2nd January, new guns being provided cost more than eighty thousand pounds sterling.

SECRETARY OF STATE TO GOVERNOR SID. E. BOWEN, G.C.M.G.

Bowring Street, 1885.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Dispatch No. 3 of the 1st of January respecting the character of the guns to be provided for the new Defence Works of the Colony; and to inform you that that despatch has been communicated to the Secretary of State for War.

You will have learned from my telegram of the 21st ultime that His Majesty's Government have decided to provide guns at a cost of more than £200,000. I have, &c.,

G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G.
Then follows another despatch in which His Excellency the Governor forwards to the Secretary of State a copy of the following question asked in the Legislative Council by the Hon. T. Jackson:

It is true that the funds of this colony are not sufficient to meet the expenses of a fleet in the Indian Seas, covering the proposed minefield, upon which it is intended to mount old 40-pounder guns which have been obsolete for nearly twenty years, and which will prove utterly useless against modern Ordnance.

Together with copies of Mr. Jackson's speech on that occasion and the Governor's reply.

FAREWELL ADDRESS TO AND DEPARTURE OF GENERAL SARGENT.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 31st March, His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sargent left here in the P. and O. steamer *Chusan*, having completed his three years' term of command of the Troops. Great numbers of his friends and well-wishers assembled, both at Murray Wharf, where he embarked for the steamer, and on board the *Chusan*, to bid him farewell and Mrs. and the Misses Sargent farewell. A guard of honour from The Buffs, under command of Major Howorth, with the Band and Colours of the Regiment, was drawn upon the *Praya*, there was a stirring muster of the troops in garrison, and many of spectators were assembled near the wharf. Shortly after three o'clock General Sargent and party arrived at the wharf, where they were met by His Excellency the Governor, Major-General Cameron and Miss Cameron, Bishop Raimondi, and most of the officers of the garrison. The guard of honour saluted, and the band played as General Sargent stepped off his chair. The gallant General and Mrs. Sargent took leave of those assembled on the wharf, and embarked on the launch, a salute being fired from the shore battery, while the Band played "Auld Lang Syne," and the assembled troops gave vent to their feelings by continuous and enthusiastic cheers. As the launch steamed past, salutes were also fired from the *Victor Emmanuel* and the U.S. flagship *Trenton*. Meantime a large gathering had assembled on the *Chusan*, which was literally surrounded by steam launches. Among those present on board were His Honour Sir George Phillips, the Hon. W. H. Marsh, C.M.G., Hon. E. L. O'Malley, Hon. J. M. Price, Mr. Justice Ackroyd and Mrs. Ackroyd, Hon. P. Ryrie, Hon. W. Keswick, Hon. T. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson, Hon. F. D. Sisson, Connoisseur and Mrs. Miram, the Right Rev. Bishop Burdon, Colonel Walker, R.E., Lieutenant-Colonel Crawford, R.A., Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Graves, Major Lloyd, R.E., Major Harrison (The Buffs), Major Gelson, A.P.D., Major Cochrane (Bengal), Major Captain Davis, R.N., Captain Lewis, A.D.C., Major H. J. Tripp and Captain Francis, H.H.V.C., Messrs. W. H. Forbes, E. R. Bellows, C. D. Bottomley, A. P. MacEwan II, Hon. plus J. Bell-Irving, J. Magrath, C.P., Chater, L. Poenssner, L. Djordjic (French Consul), A. G. Emanou (Portuguese Consul-General), A. Coxon, J. G. T. Hassell, Ho Kai, W. Danby, G. Wise, D. L. D. Rutledge, W. H. Ray, J. H. Cox, H. Stifterford, R. Lyall, J. S. Brewster, F. Dowdall, E. Macken, &c., &c., &c.

The address was presented shortly after the General's arrival on board the steamer.

At the close of the address, in the twilight of the first class saloon for his place of residence, General Sargent has been assigned to me, that of presenting you with this address. I have presented a good many addresses in my time in Hongkong, but the one I am asked to present to-day is the one which gives me the most pleasure. I may say that I made your acquaintance, General, about thirty years ago. I have been here ever since, and have not met you at that time, but I had the pleasure of meeting you again in the year 1850.

I have known you some time since, and I may say that my own personal esteem cannot be exceeded by anyone who has had the honour of making your acquaintance. (Loud applause). As far as the public of Hongkong is concerned, I think that you are aware what those feelings are.

General Sargent (Applause). I am sorry that I could only open that. I can only say that you are a general after the hearts of the people of Hongkong (cheers). It has been said that we in Hongkong are a somewhat peculiar community, and perhaps it may be true that there is one thing we do admire in Hongkong, and that is straightforward, honest straightforwardness, and a gentleman in every way; and I am proud to receive this address from you and to thank you for presenting it.

General Sargent and those assembled on board responded to the call with the greatest enthusiasm, as they did again when he called on them for a similar expression of feeling for Mrs. and the Misses Sargent.

Colonel-General Sargent then read the following reply to the address which had been presented to him—Mr. Ryrie and Gentleman.—Your intention to remain with us for a long time upon the strength of our services, and the fact that we are such friends, and myself at a loss how to express my deep sense of the kindly and generous feeling it displays. Military services in the field never fail me with hearty appreciation from our fellow countrymen, but during the three years of my command here, I have had no opportunity of rendering such services; and therefore it is true, as you have been good enough to observe, that I have not rendered any service in the course of that time which have called for vigilance and decision, the troubles have always blown over, and I had no reason to expect that they would live in your memory. Next to the approval of his sovereign, a soldier values the esteem of his fellow-countrymen, and it is very encouraging to find that in a busy and changing community like Hongkong, the people are very friendly and hospitable. I am leaving you on this occasion, and I hope to care for you for many years to come.

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